



Altar Flowers

1943

JANUARY

- 3. Mrs. Anna Evans Buck
- 10. Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick
- 17. Mrs. Craig Atmore
- 24. Mrs. I. Smith Rospin
- 31. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper

FEBRUARY

- 7. Mrs. Idella W. Higham
- 14. Miss Anna Eisenbrey
- 21. Mrs. Otis E. Taylor
- 28. The Burd School

MARCH

- 7. Mrs. William K. Barclay
- 14. Miss Margaret Tappen
- 21. Mrs. Thomas Ross
- 28. Mrs. David Wood
- Miss Anne R. Daley

APRIL

- 4. Mrs. Elsie M. Williams
- 11. Mrs. William Dickhart
- 18. The Mothers' Meeting
- 22. Maunday Thursday,
Mrs. Otis E. Taylor
- 25. Easter Sunday

Flowers for the Magee, Atmore and Pancoast Windows and the David Wood Memorial are provided on Christmas and Easter.

MAY

- 2. Mrs. Margaret Dougherty
- 9. Mrs. James F. Armstrong
- 16. Mrs. William B. Campbell
- 23. Mrs. John C. Knox
- 30. Mrs. Emory R. Johnson

JUNE

- 3. Ascension Day, Mr. Philip Schwarz
- 6. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong
- 13. Miss Charlotte Shoemaker
- 20. Mr. Harry J. Hauger
- 27. Mrs. James H. Mearns

JULY

- 4. Mrs. Harry J. Hauger
- 11. The King's Daughters
- 18. Miss Mary O'Connell
- 25. Mrs. Mary McEwen

AUGUST

- 1. Miss Marguerite Caldwell
- 8. Miss Marjorie Robertson
- 15. Miss Anna Evans Buck
- 22. Miss Laura Bell

SEPTEMBER

- 5. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer
- 12. Miss Susan C. Thackara
- 19. Mrs. Elsie M. Williams
- 26. Mr. Paul Downward

OCTOBER

- 3. Miss Laura Bell
- 10. Miss Matilda Maulsby
- 17. Mrs. Harry Croyder
- 24. Mr. Paul Downward
- 31.

NOVEMBER

- 1. The Girls' Friendly Society
- 7. Miss Anna Eisenbrey
- 14. Mrs. B. Hollingsworth Downward
- 21. The Rev. Herbert W. Jones
- 28. Mrs. Mary Shields

DECEMBER

- 5. Dr. Herbert Old
- 12. The Rev. Carl E. Grammer
- 19. Mrs. Martha Atherton
- 25. Christmas
- 26. Miss Laura Bell



St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D.
Rector

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S.T.D.
Rector Emeritus

Tenth Street, between Market and Chestnut
Philadelphia, Pa.

REPORTS AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RENDERED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MAY 19, 1943

Foreword



In the office of Instruction in the Prayer Book we are told that "it is the bounden duty of every Christian to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom." These annual reports are given you that you may see to what extent we have been faithful to that command. Though this will in no way show what the individual members of the parish have done, it does give a fairly accurate picture of our corporate work during 1942-43. Very few of our members are aware of all the work being done, and we therefore urge you to study all of the reports, that you may have a better understanding of what the Church, your Church, is doing.

The Rector's Report

One year has passed since I became Rector of St. Stephen's Church. It might be fitting to summarize what has been accomplished during that period, if it were the purpose of this report to make us rather satisfied with ourselves. A small amount of pride in our accomplishments is justifiable, but self-satisfaction is detrimental to progress. A reviewing of the past is only helpful when it spurs us on to great zeal for the future.

First of all, I should like to express my full appreciation for the first year as rector of St. Stephen's Church which has been a rich and rewarding experience for me. I already feel deeply indebted to many people in this congregation and to this fellowship as a whole.

What makes a live Church? Numerous meetings, busy organizations, active committees, balanced budgets? All these are but contributing to the primary purpose of the church, which is to make God real in the lives of men. Do men find God in our church? When we say, "Let us pray," do people feel that someone not ourselves is listening and answering? When a troubled soul seeks the aid of the Church, does he find "the peace of God which passeth all understanding?" When all the wheels of our church organization turn, do they generate the vital spark of a living faith? That is the test of a live church.

Taking churches as a whole, I do not know what is the average percentage of church members who put first things first; whose loyalties to Jesus and the Kingdom of God are strong enough always to occupy first place regardless of purely personal and individual considerations. I do know that in St. Stephen's Church the percentage has been high enough to carry the Church through a most trying year in a commendable manner, and we can say truthfully with Ezekiel, "The spirit of the living creature was in the wheels."

Though figures are often boring, yet it is customary for the rector to report on his official acts. During the year I have conducted 318 services; preached 146 sermons; administered 7 private communions to the sick; had 7 baptisms, 14 weddings and 14 burials. I have made 620 calls on parishioners finding 155 at home. I have no record of the number of invocations asked, benedictions pronounced or talks given at meetings, lunches and dinners.

During the past year 36,527 people have attended our services, 26,477 attended the noonday services, 1,832 received the Holy Communion between Sundays, 9,456 attended the Sunday services, 594 attended the early Sunday services. Mention should be made of the splendid Confirmation Class this past year when twenty-two men, women and children were Confirmed—the largest class in twenty-eight years.

The financial picture is always clearly presented by our able and devoted Accounting Warden in his annual report. At the beginning of the year we carried a \$3,000 deficit from the previous year. During the year we repaid this obligation and closed the books practically free of debt. Besides this we oversubscribed our Missionary Expectation to the Diocese by 50%. The total being \$4,500.

Several new services were added this past year which, I believe, should be strengthened and continued. The first was the restoration of the early service. From one early service a month at 8:00 A. M. we now have had a year of weekly services at the later hour of 9:00 A. M. Along with the change of hour, we have instituted a "Family Day". The rector invited a half dozen families each Sunday to this service. Where it is possible the family is invited to attend near some anniversary, i. e., wedding anniversary, birthday of a child or elderly person, or the anniversary of the departure of a loved one into the greater life. The response has been good, and has enriched family life, and has developed fellowship within the parish, because everyone wishes to rejoice with those who rejoice, to sympathize with those who mourn or commemorate those who are departed. 575 attended this past year.

The second innovation has been the Healing Service on Thursdays at noon. These services have been productive of great and lasting good. The rector opens the service with an address on spiritual healing and then gives an invitation to all those sick in body, mind or spirit to come forward to the Altar rail for the laying-on-of-hands with prayer. Prayers are said for those whose names have been presented by members of the congregation. 2,096 attended these services, and the testimonials to the successful results tax the rector's letter files.

The third innovation was the establishment of a School for Adult Bible Re-Education. This class was conducted Thursday evenings by Dr. George M. Lamsa, the eminent Aramaic scholar. The classes averaged forty an evening. The war effort and the attendant transportation difficulties militated against the success which this class should have enjoyed.

Another innovation was the formation of a Neighborhood Club for children in the neighborhood. Mrs. Nellie Mearns recruited a dozen or more children, and has an interesting program for them in the parish house on Friday afternoons.

Still another innovation was the combining of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Lenten Theatre services with our services here in St. Stephen's. The object was to reach a larger and more diversified group of people. From every standpoint the venture proved to be wise and the attendance figures about equalled the combined attendance of the theatre and the church of a year ago. 19,439 attended, an increase of 5,833 over last year.

The highlight of the year was the conversion of our Community House into the St. Stephen's Service Club for all uniformed men under the auspices of the War Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The cost of maintenance is borne by the War Commission of the Diocese and volunteers from the various parishes of the Diocese take turns in directing the daily activities. A clergyman is always on duty for spiritual counselling. The Center provides a Snack Bar, Hostesses, Dances, Gymnasium, Sewing Service, Library and Entertainment.

Our parish organizations had to transfer their activities to the smaller accommodations of the Parish House and the rector is grateful for the fine spirit which they have manifested throughout the transition.

During the past year fifty-three of our young men and women left to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country. We miss them sorely in our homes and in our parish life. The weekly leaflet of the church follows these men and women around the world. The fellowship of this church is unbreakable, and the interest and love of St. Stephen's goes forward to its people in whatever service they may be engaged. Prayers are continually offered that the protecting care of God, the Father of us all, may surround these loved ones while they are away.

Due to the rigid rationing of oil, we had to convert one of our oil burners to coal. Mr. William A. Brecht and the Hajoca Corporation, and Mr. William M. Anderson provided the Church with the coal grates and the installation respectively. This generous gift from non-members of our Church was most enthusiastically appreciated by the Rector and Vestry, and we are grateful to Mr. George Bridgman who succeeded in eliciting this generous and timely gift from his business associates.

Because of its superb location, St. Stephen's Church is fast becoming the center of a renewed spiritual dynamic which is making its influence felt throughout the city and Diocese. Dr. Palmquist, Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, likes to refer to St. Stephen's as the Protestant Cathedral.

For the work ahead of us, I would suggest that we adopt a three-hour a week plan for the Church; one hour a week for worship, one hour for work and one hour for giving. The last two need some explanation. The hour for work should be something you do as a Christian to help others less fortunate than yourself. That may be Red Cross, War Relief, Service Club or the needy family around the corner. The hour for giving means that you give to the Church one hour of your income per week. If you earn a dollar an hour, try to give a dollar a week. Certainly it is not asking too much to devote these three hours to God; most Christians will want to do more.

In closing may I express my deep gratitude for all of the faithful worshippers, workers, and givers of this parish who have made all of this progress possible by their consecrated efforts. I am praying that God may bless you and yours, and may I ask that you remember me constantly in your prayers, that I may measure up to the great opportunities here for the advance of God's Kingdom.

Faithfully yours,
ALFRED W. PRICE, *Rector*.

The American Red Cross

The St. Stephen's Auxiliary of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross has continued to meet one evening a week during the past year for the purpose of making surgical dressings.

This group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 until 9:00 o'clock. Work completed during the past year totaled about thousand dressings, and \$351.00 was collected from members of the Parish for the Red Cross Drive.

We urge all who can spare an evening a week to join us in this very necessary activity.

ISABEL MACMILLAN.

Report of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden

This Report is for the year ending December 31, 1942, and is a resumé of that which is submitted in detail to your Vestry and approved by them.

As is usual the books and records of the Church, as well as those of our Fiscal Agent and Trustee of the Trusts of which we are beneficiary, are being audited for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1942, by Charles S. Rockey and Company, Certified Public Accountants, whose report and audit, will be open for your inspection.

The book value of investments in the principal account from which we derive our income at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$804,465.96 made up as follows:

<i>A.</i>	
General Investments Unrestricted	\$164,408.04
The Endowment Fund	245,556.89
Rudder Memorial Fund	12,641.28
Anna J. Magee Endowment Fund	136,785.52
Fannie S. Magee Endowment Fund	99,596.35
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	101,682.82
Jamison Estate Trust	43,795.06
Total	\$804,465.96

The book value of investments held for special purposes, the income from which is used for designated causes only, amounted on the same date to \$39,543.24, made up as follows:

<i>B.</i>	
Mary E. Atmore Floral Fund	\$604.90
Baby Fund	309.27
Ann Purden Burley Trust Fund	536.71
Lewis Campbell Memorial Fund	3,024.39
Farm and Recreation Fund	9,924.55
Female Benevolent Society	3,437.80
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	3,164.84
Lathrop Legacy	206.60
Care of Magee Memorials Fund	5,979.10
M. C. Mitchell Monument Fund	582.72
Dr. S. B. Wylie Mitchell Vault Fund	135.89
Anna Sinclair Fund	500.00
Sunday School Fund	50.00
Wilkins Endowment for Girls' Friendly Society	71.01
Wilkins Endowment for St. Stephen's Farm	430.38
Anna J. Magee Family Memorial Fund	5,274.57
Anna J. Magee Insurance Fund	5,310.51
Total	\$39,543.24

Changes in these funds in comparison with the figures of last year are due mainly, to the liquidation of real estate and to the transfer of the Clinton Street Rectory from the real estate account to the Unrestricted Investments account. They will also be subject to some slight adjustments by the Auditors in connection with the sale of securities and transfers from Unrestricted Principal to income.

During the year 1942 there was made available for General Church purposes, the following sums of money:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1942	\$2,003.94
Income Received from Endowments and Investments	30,023.16
There was Transferred from Unrestricted Church Principal to Income...	5,000.00
Contributions were Received for Parochial Maintenance	3,219.20
Pew Rents were Received Amounting to	1,302.00
There was Received from the Treasurer of the Burd School	500.00

Making Total Moneys Available \$42,048.30

During the same period there was expended for the maintenance and operation of:

<i>(A) THE CHURCH</i>	
Salaries of the Clergy, Including Pensions, Honorariums, Verger, Parish Visitor, Rector's Secretary, Sunday School Teachers, etc.	\$15,887.12
Organist, Choir and Music	5,501.38
Church Pension Fund	486.57
Diocesan Assessment	2,042.42
Repairs and Improvements	3,262.67
Electric Light, Power and Gas	582.68
Fire Insurance, etc.	999.55
Advertising and Church Bulletins	983.63
Fuel Oil	820.34
Bishop's Fund—Contribution	50.00
Discretionary Fund of Rector	400.00
Christmas Decorations, Sunday School Entertainment and Equipment for Sunday School	502.16
Operation of Office, Telephone Service, Bookkeeping and Auditing	1,513.01
Verger's Helpers and Supplies, Interest on Loans and Auto Service	1,119.48
Repayment of Loans	3,000.00
Miscellaneous General Expense	2,512.66

<i>(B) THE COMMUNITY HOUSE</i>	
Interest on Mortgage	900.00
Electric Light, Power, Gas, Night Clerk and Supplies	879.26
Water Rent	130.00

Making Total Expenditures of \$41,572.93
And leaving on hand December 31, 1942, from the funds received, as above set forth, the sum of \$475.37

Returns from investments for the year 1942 show a substantial increase over those of last year and during the same period the Jamison Estate Trust produced as our share of income, the sum of \$825 and lived up to our expectations regarding increased income. It is hoped that this trust and our other benefactions will prove an even greater source of income for the work of our Church.

The contributions for parochial purposes and pew rents also exceeded those of last year and marks an upturn in these items.

The Girls' Friendly Society and the Mothers' Meeting each contributed the sum of \$25 during the year 1942 to the Community House Mortgage Reduction Fund. We now have on hand in this fund \$909.61 and it is hoped that the indebtedness on the mortgage will soon be reduced by another \$1000. Grateful acknowledgment of both gifts has been made.

The receipts for Special Parochial purposes amounted to the sum of \$2,113.62 which, together with the balance on hand on January 1, 1942, of \$1,322.55 made a total of \$3,436.17. This, less the balance of \$1,345.12, was distributed during the calendar year for the purposes for which the money was specially designated.

No direct contributions were made out of income during the year under review for Diocesan and General Church Objects. The receipts from

offerings for those purposes amounted to \$3,904.85, and, as in other years, sums of money were contributed by members of St. Stephen's Church to certain Church objects for which no credit appears on the books of the Accounting Warden. The entire sum was distributed for the account of the various objects during the year.

During the year the loans of the Church have been entirely liquidated and that in face of heavy expenditures for repairs which were defrayed out of the current year's income.

Additional substantial repairs to the Church property are in contemplation by the Vestry and will be reported to you. It is hoped that the cost of these repairs can be met substantially by contributions from all of us who are interested in the extension of the works of the Church. The repairs, in the opinion of the Vestry, are all necessary to the work of the Church and in a sense constitute a monument to which we can all look with pride as one of the best evidences of the growth of our activities.

The work of St. Stephen's Service Club has commenced only during the present year and its usefulness is one which is a great pride to all of us here at the Church. The expenses of the operation of this Club are being met by the War Commission but some expenses do fall upon the Church for the repairs and alterations to the Community House property in order that its fullest usefulness may be had by the War Commission. Some contributions have been made towards this expense and others are expected. We confidentially look forward to a continuance of this most worthwhile work.

The extension of our activities under the very able leadership of our Rector, has been most encouraging and the fullest support is earnestly solicited.

I again take pleasure in extending my thanks to all who have so generously helped in the solution of our problems and bespeak your loyal support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
I. SMITH RASPIN, *Accounting Warden.*

Christmas Dinners—December, 1942

Seventy-two dinners to help gladden some of our friends were made possible by your contributions.

War restrictions caused a change in Christmas basket distribution at St. Stephen's this year.

The usual custom for many years was to give a basket consisting of chickens, vegetables and canned goods. A food certificate allowing the recipient to make their own purchases was deemed advisable this time. We are glad to report the idea a complete success.

The people worthy of these dinners were selected by our Parish Visitor, Mrs. Mearns.

Balance from 1941 in Corn Exchange National Bank was \$48.11. Contributions in 1942 amounted to \$205.35 making a total of \$253.46. Expenses for the 1942 dinners were \$209.85 leaving a balance of \$43.61 in the above mentioned bank.

FRED. SCHMID, JR., *Chairman,*
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,
MRS. JAMES MEARNs.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Today the Woman's Auxiliary furnished the means through which the women of the Church may serve the Church in all its general work and seeks to help every Churchwoman to realize the privilege of such service.

It is pledged to stand behind every effort to see that the dioceses and parishes meet their quota for the Church's program. It is pledged to work in the rural field, for the foreign born, to promote peace internationally and interracially; to send boxes to hospitals, schools, institutions and to some of the clergy.

To stimulate interest in these projects St. Stephen's Branch of the Auxiliary has tried to have programs this year which relate to them. At the November meeting a Tolerance Trio composed of a Negro, a Jew and a Christian spoke. These groups are sent out from Fellowship House. The gist of their subject was "We are fighting for a democracy, are we living it?"

In October Mrs. James T. Davis spoke on the Church and the local war effort. In December Mrs. Griffith, executive secretary of the Inter-denominational Union made an address telling some of the things that can be accomplished by the co-operation of all religious societies regardless of sect.

In January Dr. Price gave a resume of the steps that have been taken, over these last few years, to effect organic unity between the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. In February the members, conducted their own meeting, discussing the general outline of the Presiding Bishop's War Fund which included: "Prisoners of War", "The Chinese", "Orphaned Missionaries" and "The Y. M. C. A.".

In March Mrs. Thomas N. Walker answered some of our questions about the Diocesan Committee of the General Auxiliary. In April our own Mrs. Wood gave an outline of the Biography of Dr. Wood which is soon to be published.

We raise a little money each year and spread it as wisely as we can, over many projects. Miss Laura Bell our devoted President for many years, has just sent a check for one hundred dollars. That is a fine sum with which to begin the work next fall.

May I again invite all the women of St. Stephen's to attend the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary? We cannot be interested in missions unless we know the *need* of missions and the way to meet that need. Tremendous strides could be made by the co-operation of the entire membership of St. Stephen's.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1942, to October 1, 1942

Balance on Hand January 1, 1942..... \$42.43

Receipts

From Accounting Warden for Quota	\$100.00
Members	72.50
Lawn Party at the Rectory	33.25
Sale of Cookies50
Book Review at Mrs. Hollar's Home	11.50
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	217.75

Total Receipts \$260.18

Disbursements

Foreign Committee	\$40.00
Domestic Committee	40.00
Indians' Hope Association	40.00
Committee on Negro Work in the Diocese of Pennsylvania....	40.00
Contribution to Episcopal Day, Week of the Blind	5.00
Contribution to Maintenance of Office of Pennsylvania Branch of Woman's Auxiliary at Church House	10.00
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	175.00

Total Disbursements \$175.00

Balance on Hand October 1, 1942 \$85.18

MARY E. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct:

NELLIE P. MEARNs

MARION HEADMAN

October 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942

Balance on Hand October 1, 1942 \$85.18

Receipts

From Accounting Warden for Quota	\$150.00
Members	70.00
Subscriptions to Auxiliary Calendar	1.50
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	221.50

Total Receipts \$306.68

Disbursements

Foreign Committee	\$57.50
Domestic Committee	57.50
Indian's Hope Association	57.50
Committee on Negro Work in the Diocese of Pennsylvania....	57.50
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	230.00

Envelopes for United Thank Offering	\$2.50
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Contribution Cost of Christmas Entertainment House of the Holy Child	3.00
Dues Woman's Interdenominational Union	1.00
Church Periodical Club	10.00
Subscriptions to Auxiliary Calendar	2.25
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	18.75

Total Disbursements \$248.75

Balance on Hand December 31, 1942 \$57.93

Examined and found correct:

NELLIE P. MEARNs

MARION HEADMAN

ANNA R. DALEY, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY

Balance on Hand January 1, 1942 \$42.43

Receipts

January 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942

From Accounting Warden for Quota	\$250.00
From Members and Proceeds of Lawn Party, Book Review, etc.	189.25
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	\$439.25

Total Receipts \$481.68

Disbursements

January 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942

To Committees, as follows:	
Foreign	\$97.50
Domestic	97.50
Indian's Hope	97.50
Negro Work—Penna.	97.50
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	\$390.00
Sundry contributions	\$33.75

Total Disbursements \$423.75

Balance on Hand December 31, 1942 \$57.93

Church School

The Church School, a vital part of the life of St. Stephen's, holds classes from September until June at 9:45 o'clock every Sunday morning.

At the beginning of the Church School year, in September, an induction service for teachers was held in the church at the 11:00 o'clock service. This was an impressive and fine ceremony.

Several months ago, our Superintendent, Mr. John Spear, was transferred to his company's offices in Ohio, much to the regret of the entire school. Mr. and Mrs. Spear had been members of the teaching staff for several years and their loss was keenly felt. Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt, Miss Blanche Erwood and Mrs. James Mearns have joined the teaching staff during the year and have proven themselves valuable and faithful workers. Mrs. Mearns is in charge of the kindergarten, assisted by Miss Erwood.

Owing to shortage of fuel oil, the Church School transferred over to the Parish House from the Community House early in the year, and find accommodations adequate.

At Christmas time a gift of ten dollars was sent to Bishop Alexander Hugo Blankingship of Cuba. A fine letter was received from the bishop in acknowledgment of this gift.

During the Lenten season, pictures illustrating missionary activity were shown in the Church School. In spite of the fact that war conditions did not permit having a supper or strawberry festival, our Lenten offering this year totaled \$200.00.

On March 7, many of our children attended a pageant in St. Stephen's presented by the Youth Commission of the Department of Religious Education, entitled "The World We Seek". The pageant emphasized the part youth must take in the world crisis.

The Church School season will close in June with a picnic.

This report is made with a sense of deep gratitude for a Christian land and a Christian Church where children may gather without fear in the Church Schools across the country.

ISABEL MACMILLAN.

Report of Envelope System

OFFERING—ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—1942

Alms Basins

Charities	\$259.89
Parochial Maintenance	664.67
Missions	79.87
Episcopal Hospital	6.85
Episcopal Hospital from Girls' Friendly Society	25.00
Missionary Box	12.00
House of Rest for the Aged	84.50
British Missions	73.92
Army-Navy Service Fund	152.16
Army-Navy Service Fund from Mothers' Meeting	20.00

Sundry Dates

Charities	\$833.77
Parochial Maintenance	2,202.43
Missions	2,309.16
Episcopal Hospital	741.45
Missionary Box	39.70
Jerusalem Fund	37.55
American Red Cross	47.00
\$7,912.61	

Recapitulation

Charities	\$1,093.66
Parochial Maintenance	2,867.10
Missions	2,711.22
Episcopal Hospital	773.30
Missionary Box	52.20
House of Rest for the Aged	84.50
British Missions	73.92
Army-Navy Service Fund	172.16
American Red Cross	47.00
\$7,912.61	

MARION HEADMAN, *Treasurer*.

The House of Rest for the Aged

The Board of Managers of the House of Rest has been greatly pleased during these difficult days by the fine co-operative spirit of the women forming the family at the House of Rest. There are now thirty guests in the house and a waiting list of thirty-two women.

Increase in cost of living makes it very difficult to manage and it is very hard to live with the knowledge that the needs of these aged women now on the waiting list cannot yet be met because of lack of funds.

St. Stephen's Church has contributed \$44.00 to the House of Rest during the past year.

Respectfully yours,

MARY RANKIN KNOX.

The Missionary Box Committee

Before Christmas a cheque for \$50.00 was sent from St. Stephen's Auxiliary, through Mrs. Jacob Disston of the Supply Bureau of the Church Diocese, to the Rev. Christian B. Whipple, Porcupine, South Dakota. We received a most grateful note of thanks.

Since January 1, 1943, we have received \$52.50 from the Accounting Warden, and have paid a further \$5.00 to the Rev. Mr. Whipple.

I am glad to report that we have a balance of \$70.32 for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

May 7, 1943.

FLORENCE P. REATH.

The Choir

The winter of 1942-43 has been a difficult one for choirmasters in general, due to the inroads made upon the male sections of our choirs by the draft and the shortage of available men to fill vacant places. At St. Stephen's we, too, have suffered in this respect, and the fact that we had to start the season by dropping several valuable singers in order to meet the necessary reduction in the music budget has made it still more difficult. In spite of these handicaps, however, I think I can say that the standard of our music has been successfully maintained, thanks to the loyalty of those members who are still with us.

We are proud of the fact that four members of our choir are now serving with the armed forces, and while their names may mean little to those who listen to us as an ensemble, we in the choir miss their valuable help and good companionship very much and wish them all a speedy and safe return. Their names are as follows:

Robert Davis	Frank Karian
J. B. McAnulty	J. Beatty Alexander

Nor has the women's section of the choir been entirely unrepresented in the call to service, for Eleanor Hurgeton, one of our sopranos, leaves us shortly to serve with the Marine Corps.

I know that I am voicing the sentiments of all the choir when I say that the winter's work with Dr. Price has been a very happy one, and we have endeavored to the best of our ability to contribute music which is at all times fitting to the theme of the sermon, and in keeping with the best traditions of the Episcopal Church.

H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, *Organist and Choirmaster*.

St. Stephen's Neighborhood Club

Our Club began in October with two members and now we have nineteen. Every Friday both boys and girls meet in the Parish House at four o'clock.

During the year we made twelve scrap books for the sick, aeroplane placards for the Junior Red Cross, knitted squares for afghans and made cards for Mothers' Day.

Our program was different every week. We had a Christmas and an Easter party and Mr. Streaker showed us moving pictures. We are going to the Zoo to end our Club for the year.

HELEN AZUERO, *Ten Years Old, President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Contribution	\$10.00
Offering during the Year	4.50
\$14.50	

Disbursements

Supplies	\$3.80
Cards and Postage .....	.50
Refreshments	1.70
Games and Prizes	2.50
Music Book	1.00
Lenten Offering	2.50
Service Club	1.00
\$13.00	
Balance	\$1.50

The Burd School

On January 15th of this year Miss Tappen relinquished her position as Principal of the School, retiring after twenty-five years of exceptional and devoted service. In recognition of her services, Dr. Price and the Board of Trustees presented Miss Tappen with a beautiful illuminated testimonial. Her successor, Miss Florence L. Davies, assumed the duties of Principal of the School on the same day. It is a credit to the ability of both Miss Tappen and Miss Davies that the change was effected without deviation in the daily routine and management of the School. Miss Davies takes over the direction of the School at an exacting time, due to rationings and the difficulty of obtaining adequate domestic service. A few cases of measles and whooping cough, and one serious throat infection which caused the girl to lose her first term at high school, are the only records of ill health during the winter. At present there are thirty-six girls enrolled in the School, thirty-five living at the School and one, Marian Grier, still continuing her course at State Teachers' College, West Chester, Pa.

In November it was deemed expedient to return one of our little girls to her mother. Two girls were entered on probation during the year. In Lent, five girls were confirmed.

Christmas dinner of 1942 will be memorable in our annals, as the exercises and festive board were graced by the presence of our two Bishops. Bishop Taitt gave a rapid summary of the Christian faith and legend throughout the centuries, and Bishop Hart made a most felicitous address on the Christmas Hymns. The ignorance of the children, and even of some of their elders, as to the origin and composers of the hymns occasioned much good-humored merriment and enlightenment. The feast that followed, the dancing around the tree and distribution of the gifts, were all greatly enjoyed. The presence of many of the alumnae with their husbands at this last Christmas dinner with Miss Tappen was a loving tribute to their enduring admiration, gratitude and devotion.

Dr. Price appointed Mrs. David Wood and the Misses Daly to the Board of Women Visitors. Each in turn, after making their initial visit of inspection, reported her pleasure in meeting Miss Davies and finding excellent conditions in the school.

Dr. Price and the Board of Trustees have been most successful in finding a successor to Miss Tappen, and are to be congratulated on their choice. The Women's Visiting Committee desire to take this opportunity of extending their welcome to Miss Davies, assuring her of their good wishes and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,

May 1, 1943.

EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Missionary Box Committee, St. Stephen's Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942

Balance on Hand January 1, 1942	\$73.12
Receipts	None
Payment: To Supply Bureau October 21, 1942, to be sent to the Rev. Christian B. Whipple, Porcupine, South Dakota	50.00
Balance on Hand December 31, 1942	\$23.12

ANNA R. DALEY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct:
MARION HEADMAN
NELLIE P. MEARNES

The Benevolent Society

The first meeting of the Benevolent Society was held on November 11th, all members present and eager to start the season's work.

Mrs. Price purchased the aprons we had in stock and she said that the price was most reasonable and the sewing excellent.

A donation of twenty-five dollars was given by Mrs. Reath in memory of her dear mother, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, for many years a devoted and generous member of the society. There were made 3,445 articles for the following hospitals:

Presbyterian
Jefferson
Episcopal

The Woman's
The Visiting Nurse Society

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET DAVIS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1942-1943

Receipts

Balance on Hand May 11, 1942	\$55.40
Received through I. Smith Raspin, Esq., the Accounting Warden	225.00
Interest on Investments	95.82
Donations:	
Mrs. Florence Reath	25.00
Mrs. Long	1.00
Proceeds of Sales	5.66
Total Receipts	\$407.88

Disbursements

Paid for Sewing	\$381.34
Balance on Hand May 12, 1943	26.54
Total Disbursements	\$407.88

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

The United Thank Offering

The Spring Presentation Service was held in Holy Trinity Church on May 6th, but as the Offering is to be held open until June 1st the final figures for this Ingathering are not yet available.

The Fall Ingathering from St. Stephen's Church amounted to \$156.68 and the Offering in June amounted to \$160.34. There is still time to contribute and certainly—as never before—countless workers in many fields look with confidence to The United Thank Offering,—their sole means of support.

This has become the personal responsibility of the Women of The Church and I appreciate to the utmost the co-operation of all who by contributing have made it possible for this great work to be carried on without interruption.

The Fall Ingathering will be early in October, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,
WINIFRED M. SCHWARZ.

Noon-Day Services

Despite the dislocations caused by the war and the demands made upon the time of individuals, attendance at the Wednesday Services evidenced only a slight decrease over the preceding year.

Exclusive of Lent and Advent 41 services were held with a total attendance of 2,522—a daily average of 62 persons.

As customary, the service of the last Wednesday of each month concluded with the celebration of Holy Communion.

This year witnessed the addition of another type of service to our expanding week-day activities in the form of the Thursday Healing Service, instituted by Dr. Price. That 1,391 persons received spiritual inspirations during the 36 services held is indeed gratifying and confirms the Rector's wisdom in venturing in this field. The offering is included with that of the Noon-Day Services.

The offerings, augmented by an appropriation from the Lenten Service Fund, enabled us to embark upon a program of advertising our Mid-Week activities for business persons.

Receipts

Balance May 1, 1942	\$69.61
Offerings in Church Boxes:	
41 Wednesday Services	\$222.48
36 Thursday Healing Services	115.66
	338.14
Appropriation from Lenten Services Fund toward Advertising and Advent Services	200.00

Total Receipts \$607.75

Expenses

Music	\$196.75
Posters—Noon-Day Activities	170.00
Appropriated Advent Services	53.35

Total Expenses \$420.10

Balance May 1, 1943 \$187.65

Respectfully submitted,
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*.

Advent Noon-Day Services

For the fifth successive year Advent Services were held in St. Stephen's, sponsored by the Philadelphia Federation of Churches. Nineteen daily services were held except Saturday from November 30th to December 24th, conducted by inter-denominational speakers. Attendance totalled 1,045, an increase of 161 over last year. The deficit of \$53.35 was again borne by the Noon-Day Services Fund.

Receipts

Offerings	\$65.15
Appropriation from Noon-Day Services Fund	53.35
	\$118.50

Expenses

Music	\$90.25
Printing—3,000 cards	28.25
	\$118.50

Respectfully submitted,
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*.

Noon-Day Lenten Services

This year the Lenten Services were held under the joint sponsorship of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and St. Stephen's. Such an affiliation, combining the efforts of both organizations, was decidedly beneficial. The preaching was of the usual high standard heretofore provided by both groups. The total attendance amounted to 19,737 persons—an increase of 6,000 over last year.

On Ash Wednesday the church was filled to capacity. On Good Friday during the Noon-Day Service, the presentation of the "Crucifixion" by our choir and the Hour of Meditation led by Bishop Taitt, 4,500 persons passed through our doors—an increase of 900 over last year.

Since the church building is used to its fullest extent in the functioning of the week-day activities, we are again calling on the fund to bear its proper share of maintenance and advertising. To this extent \$328.50 was appropriated out of last year's balance and it is our intention to use a substantial portion of our closing balance of \$1,383.17 towards extensive improvements in contemplation.

We can be justly proud under the leadership of our Rector of the tremendous growth taking place this year.

Receipts

Balance May 1, 1942	\$766.68
Offerings	2,153.60

Total Receipts \$2,920.28

Disbursements

<i>Preaching</i>	
Honoraria	\$394.35
Hotel	62.38
Transportation	151.95
	\$608.68

<i>Music</i>	
Organist	\$82.00
Chorister	61.50
Chimes	50.00
Choir	98.00
	291.50

<i>Other Expenses</i>	
Printing	\$77.00
Posters	90.00
Signs and Panels	32.25
Cleaning	60.00
Vestments	15.00
Miscellaneous	34.10
	308.35

<i>Appropriations</i>	
Transferred to Noon-Day Fund for Advent Services and Advertising	\$200.00
10 Thousand Six Page Folders	76.00
One Pedestal Electric Fan	52.58
	328.58

Total Disbursements \$1,537.11

Balance May 1, 1943 \$1,383.17

Respectfully submitted,
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*.

The Mothers' Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts—1942

General Fund	\$108.81
Sale Fund	4.73
Balance from Gifts .....	.73
I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Treasurer, October 9, 1942	25.00
Special Offering, Greece	10.00

Receipts—1943

Bank Interest .....	.30
Sterns Luncheon Tickets	10.00
Wartime Pantry Party	6.30
Special Gift, British Child	10.00
Returns from Sale to Date	126.83
Lenten Offering for Lepers	17.00
Mothers' Weekly Offering	154.11

\$473.81

Disbursements—1942

Stand, Staff and Stars	\$3.60
Fruit and Flowers	7.25
U. T. O.	5.00
Postage, Cards, etc.	11.22
Salvation Army Service Men	5.00
Community House Debt	25.00
U. T. O.	5.00
S. S. Boy Scouts	5.00
Magician (twice)	14.00
Gift for Mr. Kuhn	2.00
Roll Book	2.00
House of Rest	5.00
Quaker Calendars	2.25
Paper Goods	2.00
Telephone .....	.75
Christmas, Valentine, Easter Tokens to M. M. Service Men....	10.58

Disbursements—1943

Greek Relief	20.00
1943 Christmas Gift to Episcopal Hospital	50.00
Incidental Talent Costs	5.80
United Campaign	10.00
Salvation Army	8.00
Seamen's Church Institute	5.00
Palms for Church	5.00
Church War Commission	25.00
St. Stephen's Service Club	25.00
Save the Children Foundation	60.00
Red Cross	25.00
Lenten Offering for Lepers	17.00
Refreshments for Members	60.35
Balance General Fund	45.45
Balance "Sale"	6.56

\$473.81

The Mothers' Meetings have gone along at much the same pace this year as to its activities. The attendance has been a little less due to change in working hours, the total attendance being about 3,500.

At the close of last season we had our trip to Atlantic City by bus and it worked out very well, one hundred attending. This is the gift from St. Stephen's Outing Fund and is much appreciated by those attending.

Due to meeting in a new environment, and not being able to serve a light supper at our sale, it was doubtful as to our financial returns, but all worked harder than ever and we were very successful, returns amounted to \$126.83 and all used for charity.

In the recent Blackout we had to sit for forty-nine minutes in pitch darkness but all behaved very well; however, we were glad when the lights went on again.

There are forty-nine sons or grandsons of members in the Service for whom we have a banner with stars.

We will close the last week in June.

Respectfully submitted,

May 10, 1943.

HELEN F. MOCKETT.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle

At the closing meeting on May 20th, we will have held sixteen meetings. The ladies have been very faithful in attending although some of them could not be with us every meeting. We made fourteen dresses, six pairs of pajamas which we gave to Mrs. Mearns and some of the members to give to needy families. We also made six and a half dozen diapers which go to St. Christopher's Hospital, with seven rag dolls.

At Christmas we filled two dozen bags with toys and candy and sent them to the Hope Day Nursery.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA SCHMID.

May, 1943

Receipts

Balance on Hand	\$121.46
Dues	9.00
Donations	9.55
Income from Patton Legacy	66.66
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	\$206.67

Disbursements

Community House	\$10.00
Red Cross	5.00
Christmas Baskets	5.00
Memorial Flowers in Memory of Mrs. Vanderslice	3.00
Flowers to Miss Conrad	3.50
Christmas Gifts, Christmas Bags and Toys	17.46
Material and Findings	20.68
County, State International Dues	8.30
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	72.94

Balance \$133.73

SARAH A. METZ, Treasurer.

Parish Visitor's Report, 1943

Due to the war, the need of assistance for the unemployed has been very nearly eliminated, but there is still much to do to help the blind, aged, depressed and discouraged, and those who are so handicapped that employment is impossible, and whose income is limited. The time and effort put forth in meeting the needs of these people cannot be understood by the public who thinks that there is no longer a need for "relief".

The social work of St. Stephen's during the past year has come in contact with a wide variety of problems—medical, employment, relief, temporary shelter, clothing and vocational guidance. About four hundred

interviews were made in the church office with parishioners, members of our organizations and transients. Very few of them were seen at regular intervals; the majority came in when they felt the need of discussing their problems. Joint conferences were held with Social Workers of other agencies to work out programs for a family of ten and six other individuals. Three women were sent to convalescent homes and eighteen mothers and children enjoyed their vacation either at the shore or in the country. The Country Week Association was given \$57.00 last year by members of the church. A number of meetings were attended in order that we might better understand and improve our welfare work. To co-operate with the Church's plan to do more community work, a neighborhood club for children was started and is financed by the thoughtful contribution of one of our members. Approximately five hundred outside visits were made either to homes, hospitals or other institutions, to carry on this work of service.

The King's Daughters have been most generous with their supply of children's clothing and other garments and we are grateful to them and to the other individuals of the parish for their continued interest and help.

Respectfully submitted,
NELLIE P. MEARNs.

Church Periodical Club

Through the financial help of the Woman's Auxiliary The Church Periodical Society has been able to pay for three renewals and also for two new subscriptions—"Collier's" and "Forth".

With the Christmas money donated by Mrs. Reath three books, chosen by the recipients, were sent to three clergymen in the West, all of whom were delighted to receive the gifts.

I regret that owing to illness it has not been possible for me to write the many letters customarily sent to many of the far-away people on our list; nor have I been able to keep in touch with the Magazine situation, but I do know that whatever reading matter has been contributed has been passed along to where it will do the most good. Please save all your Magazines for us.

Magazines Distributed:	
To the Philadelphia General Hospital	200
To the Episcopal Hospital	140
St. John's Settlement House	100
To Jefferson Hospital	238
To the Presbyterian Hospital Dispensary	40
The Seamen's Church Institute	380
Old St. Stephen's Service Club	300
Episcopal Hospital	One Package of Books
St. John's	One Package of Cards
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....	Two Packages of Cards
From Mrs. Benjamin Reath for the Jefferson Hospital	29
Received from the Church of the Mediator 300 Magazines for the Service Center	
Approximate Total Distributed	1,427

(There were many more, of which no accurate record has been kept.)

Respectfully submitted,
WINIFRED M. SCHWARZ.

May 4th, 1943.

Boy Scouts

Dr. Price, Members of St. Stephen's Church and all Visitors:

It indeed gives me a great deal of pleasure to make this Annual Report from Troop 2. Another year has gone by, during which time your Troop of Boy Scouts has tried to do its little bit toward making progress in aiding the Home Front and War Effort. The boys have participated in the following campaigns: Bond Pledge Drive, Rubber Scrap Drive, Aluminum Drive, Books for Victory Drive, War Chest, U. S. O. and many other such activities as requested by the Government.

We are now actively engaged in the Second Bond Drive Campaign, and hope that by our participating, to bring this war to an end, one hour sooner, or one minute sooner.

During times of stress, such as we are now experiencing, it is more essential than ever that Scout Troops have a sponsoring institution. Troop 2 is most grateful to its friend and sponsor, St. Stephen's Church, which has on every occasion, risen to aid and assist the Troop.

We have at present twenty-one registered Scouts, two Scout Leaders, and three Troop Committeemen. Two of these Scouts have taken their places in the Armed Service, and their letters tell us that their early Scout Training has paved the way for early promotion.

Our story of camping in 1942 is a thrilling one. For a while we were doubtful; should it be: "Well, camping is out for the duration. It's too tough—no leaders—no transportation—supplies limited and food costs are high, etc."? But our leaders took it all in their stride and said that if at any time camping and outdoor activities were important—they are more important now. Then we went to work to prove it. Despite transportation difficulties, we were able to have our regular Week Camping Trip at Camp Hart, plus overnight hikes, and one-day hikes. Much of our present advancement shows itself due to our camping periods, and that Troop 2 did advance its Scouts in rank more in this year than in any previous year.

As we contemplate the future, and consider the obligation we have to our God and Country, we can not at this time give up our best means of training Scouts, and that means is camping. Through the co-operation of our Rector, and the U. S. O., your Troop will still be active for the duration, ever striving to accomplish the goal toward good citizenship, working with our new Motto: "Toughen up, Buckle down, Carry on to Victory."

Respectfully yours,
HAROLD MORTENSEN, SR., Scoutmaster Troop 2.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1941, as of January 1st, 1942	\$44.18
<i>Receipts</i>	
Dues	\$32.25
Summer Camp:	
Institution	\$75.00
Scouts	73.20
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	\$148.20
Reregistration	18.75
Payment on Loan	6.00
Miscellaneous	8.62
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	\$213.82
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	\$258.00

<i>Expenses</i>	
Badge and Insignias	\$2.65
Reregistration	34.50
Troop Equipment	3.50
Summer Camp	141.70
Loan	42.00
Miscellaneous	9.00
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	\$233.25
Balance January 1st, 1943	\$24.65

St. Stephen's Girls' Friendly Society

The report of the Girls' Friendly Society can be brief this season.

We opened on Monday, October 5th, when Dr. Price was the speaker. After that week we held our meetings on Thursdays, in accordance with the church's policy, in order to conserve fuel.

On Sunday, October 18th, at the morning service, Dr. Price admitted three new members: Dorothy Rhoads, Mabel Erwood and Blanche Erwood.

Although the programs have been fewer this year, those we planned were enjoyed by the members. Among them were talks on "India" and "Philadelphia's War Offerings"—moving pictures and book reviews. One evening Madame Chiang's "I Confess My Faith" was read. Another evening a friend read an account of the people on "Guam" when the Japs entered. We did have a Hallowe'en Party; and a tea on Sunday, December 27th, at the Branch Leader's Home. Suppers were served every evening until we moved into the Parish House when these had to be discontinued as there is no equipment for the preparation of food.

At Christmas we dressed and sent twenty-five dolls to the girls and twenty-five games to the boys, at Byberry. Unfortunately a request from a little school in Dyke County, Virginia, to which we had sent Christmas gifts last year, came too late to be filled. We also sent two boxes filled with useful gifts and books to Caney Creek Community Center, Kentucky. Our Lenten Sewing is finished and ready to be sent to the Church House.

No sale nor card party was given this year, but the girls are contributing to the Special Effort Fund from which we use the money for charities. The treasurer's report contains the various items spent.

Fear lest they be caught in Blackouts has prevented some members from attending the meetings, and has sent others home earlier than usual. We herewith acknowledge, however, the loyalty of our "regulars" whom nothing deters.

Meetings are again being held on Monday evenings, and the Twenty-fourth of May we expect to close with a dinner meeting at the Churchwomen's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA E. DICKHART.

May 4, 1943.

G.F.S. St. Stephen's Branch

Business Meeting, May 18, 1943

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Balance May 6, 1942		\$172.07
Dues Received	\$66.80	
Contributions for China Relief	18.00	
Branch Contribution	18.00	
Special Effort 1942-1943	97.75	
Income from Investments	66.66	
	<hr/>	267.21

Expenditures

		\$439.28
Special Effort Dimes	\$5.00	
G.F.S. Holiday House	15.00	
Children's Country Week	10.00	
Contribution to G.F.S. Spring Dance .....	.75	
Memorial Flowers St. Stephen's Church	3.00	
Friends' Charity Fuel Association	5.00	
Flowers to Deceased (Octavia Conrad)	8.00	
U.S.O. Canteen, 510 S. Broad St.	5.00	
Lenten Sewing	11.66	
Service Flag (Memorial to Kitty Hewitt)	7.00	
St. Stephen's Community House	25.00	
Episcopal Hosp. Memorial to Miss Moore	25.00	
China Relief	18.00	
National Dues and Diocesan Dues	44.75	
Branch Expenses	31.83	
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Audited and found correct:

May 5th, 1943.

ELLEN WILLIAMS

\$224.29

MARY TWEEDIE, Treasurer.

Annual Report of Young People's Club

The Young People's Club has come through a very difficult period, having lost ten of its members to Armed Forces, but can look back on 1942 as a year of many changes during which much was accomplished.

The highlights of our activities during the Spring and Summer of the past year were our Formal Dance in January and our annual trip to Valley Forge to renew our friendship with Dr. John R. Hart. Our Summer outdoor activities were climaxed with a moonlight hike through the Wissahickon which Dr. Price attended with twenty of our members. We will not soon forget that hike as we were deep in the Wissahickon when an Air Raid Alert sounded!

Our club newspaper has been published under the able leadership of John Adams and Doris Rose and copies of each issue have gone to all our members in service. This means of keeping all of our members informed of the Club's activities has been greatly appreciated by the boys in Service who are still greatly concerned with its welfare and activities.

In order to build up our treasury we gave a benefit at the Lantern Lane Playhouse in October which netted the Club \$19.48.

Our principal expenditures were a \$10.00 donation to the Bell Tower Fund of Valley Forge and Christmas presents to all our members now serving in the Armed Forces. This latter event was a departure from our usual Christmas Party for Children and from the many letters of thanks from our members away from home, we feel it was a worthwhile effort.

In the Fall of 1942 we opened a Canteen for the entertainment of Naval and Marine recruits in the Community House every Monday night

at which time the recruits were offered dancing, games, a stage show and refreshments. All expenses were met by contributions of members of our Church. During this period, which ended on December 14th, total attendance was 519 persons with an increase in club membership of 50%.

Starting the first of the new year, our club acted as hosts to the Midshipmen of the Pennsylvania Maritime Academy with a party each Friday night in the Community House. Entertainment was provided for the Midshipmen each week, as well as refreshments. Needless to say, these young men are greatly pleased with the Friday Evening Parties at St. Stephen's. Attendance has been very good, with thirty to forty of our own group being present each week, in addition to twenty Midshipmen in uniform.

From the above resume you will see that the Young People's Club have had a rather diversified program this past year, and believe you will agree that the work of helping to keep up the morale of our Armed Forces by providing clean and wholesome entertainment in the atmosphere of St. Stephen's is indeed important and has been well taken care of by our organization. Many thanks are in order to those persons who have helped us keep the Canteen running by their financial and material contributions.

Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$10.00 Club Money and a balance of twelve cents Canteen Money.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. SPEAR, *President, Young People's Club.*

P.S.: John Spear was transferred to his company's office in Cleveland and John Adams has been carrying on as the presiding officer of the Young People's Club in a highly commendable manner. He adds the following paragraph to the above report: "Due to the activities now going on in the Community House, we are having our meetings in the Parish House. At these meetings we have dancing and games. We also have approximately twenty girls from our organization serving in St. Stephen's Service Club."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ADAMS.

The Altar Society

The Altar Society presents its 49th annual report.

It was a great satisfaction that the vestry permitted the handsome white stole to be made over and thus to save the beautiful embroidery.

Miss Maulsby renewed the ribbon in the book markers for the chancel prayer books and hymnals.

We have a few linen pieces to pass on to the little mission in Eustis, Florida, where they can use even worn articles. I quote from a letter: "St. Stephen's has been so good to our little church. The surplice collarettes will be fine for our substitutes and also for visiting rectors. The Fair Linen is beautiful—we love the fringe. Please express to the St. Stephen's Guild our deep appreciation for everything—we are most grateful. Whenever St. Stephen's is mentioned, our ladies say, 'Oh, that is the church which is so good to us'. That is how we remember you."

I want to thank Miss Pletsch and Miss Boisnot for their very real help.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN C. THACKARA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1943

Balance on Hand May 1, 1942	\$93.90	
Received for Memorial Flowers	154.00	
Received for Palms from Mother's Meeting	5.00	
Received from I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden	50.00	
		<hr/> \$302.90

Bills Paid

Flowers	\$170.00	
Palms	5.00	
Mrs. Margaret Dougherty, for Pressing Surplices	16.50	
Refund to E. K. Campbell	1.50	
		<hr/> \$193.00

Balance on Hand May 1, 1943	\$109.90
Balance in Gensheimer Memorial Fund	\$94.81

Respectfully submitted,

O. K. by Real Estate Trust. EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

The Annual Parish Meeting—1943

On Wednesday, May 19, 1943, at eight P. M., Eastern War Time, the Parish Meeting was called to order by the Rector and David L. German served as Secretary thereof.

Dr. Price stated that under the Charter of St. Stephen's Church it was provided that the meeting of the Electors should be held on Easter Monday, but might be adjourned to a later date; that following that custom, the meeting of the Electors had been adjourned by the Tellers from Monday, April 26, 1943, to Wednesday, May 19, 1943, at eight P. M., Eastern War Time.

The Tellers appointed, Messrs. Mearns and Dickhart were prepared to hold an election:

That due notice had been given to the members of St. Stephen's Church including pew-holders and sitting renters, and notice had also been given from the Chancel, that the election would be held on this date, at this hour:

Mr. Raspin then moved the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this meeting does hereby ratify the adjournment on Easter Monday, April 26, 1943, by the Tellers of the Annual Meeting for the Election of Vestrymen to May 19, 1943, at 8.00 P. M., Eastern War Time, and does hereby approve the call for this meeting for the purpose of electing Vestrymen to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected and qualify.

"That Messrs. Mearns and Dickhart be duly elected as Tellers for the purpose of said election."

The Chairman thereupon announced that nominations for Vestrymen would be in order.

Miss Helen F. Mockett nominated the following eleven names (one position still remaining vacant) for the twelve positions as Vestrymen under our Charter:

Dr. Herbert Old	William H. Hollar, Jr.
I. Smith Raspin	Harry J. Hauger
David L. German	J. Lewis Armstrong
Dean Emory R. Johnson	J. Bartlett Mearns
M. Brantley Ellis	William Dickhart

Edwin Saylor Heins

Nominations were duly seconded by Mrs. Raspin.

Motion was thereupon duly made by Miss Anne R. Daley, seconded and carried, that the nominations do now close and that there being no contest, the Secretary do cast the ballot electing the nominees as Vestrymen to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected and qualify. The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot of the meeting and the Tellers declared the nominees duly elected.

Dr. Price then called for the reports from the various officers and societies.

(Signed) DAVID L. GERMAN.

Contributions from St. Stephen's Church to the Convocation of North Philadelphia, Pa.

		CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH DIME BOOKS	
Miss Laura Bell	\$5.00	Miss Laura Bell	\$1.00
Miss Mabel E. Boisnot	1.00	Miss Mabel Boisnot	1.00
Mrs. Carrie H. Buehler	1.00	Mrs. Carrie H. Buehler	1.00
Miss Marguerite Caldwell .....	.50	Mr. James Carrigan	1.00
Mrs. William B. Campbell .....	.50	Miss Daley	1.00
Mrs. James Carrigan	1.00	Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	1.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie .....	.50	Mrs. J. B. Mearns	1.00
Miss Daley .....	.50	Mrs. James H. Mearns	1.00
Miss Anna Eisenbrey	2.00	Miss Helen Mockett	1.00
Mrs. William Dickhart	1.00	Miss Marjorie Robertson .....	.50
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	1.00	Miss S. C. Thackara	1.00
Miss Garrett50		
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper	1.00		
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